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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: ~~New Application~~

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FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUCED IRON
AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES THEREFOR

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: EXAMINER:

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: GROUP ART UNIT:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, please insert the following sentence:

--This application is a Division of application Serial No. 09/386,291, filed on August

31, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-3 and 14-22 without prejudice.

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